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PRICES OF POTATO
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of potato are very low in the country particularly in Karnataka;

(b) if so, whether the prices of potato hardly fetches the cost price; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect the potato growers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTUR(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c) Due to bumper harvest of potato crop during 1999-2000, the price of potatoes in major producing states remained subdued. However, prices in Karnataka were higher than those prevailing in certain other potato growing states. Information on Cost of production of potatoes in Karnataka is not collected because Karnataka contributes less than 2% of the total production of potatoes in the country. However, the average wholesale prices of major varieties of potatoes in Karnataka were generally higher than the average cost of production of potatoes in the major potato growing states like West Bengal and Bihar.